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SUBJ: GOS VARIABLE LEVIES/REBATES ON SOYBEAN IMPORTS

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1. I HAVE NOT RECEIVED REF B AND THEREFORE CANNOT INTELLIGENTLY COMMENT ON ROME 2845. AS HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR IN VARIOUS EMBASSY REPORTS, THE GOS IS DROPPING THE VARIABLE LEVY ON SOYBEANS. THIS HAS FOLLOWED ON REPRESENTATIONS MADE AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT. DEPARTMENT WAS INFORMED ON 19 FEB (REF E), BUT APPARENTLY US DEL IN ROME MEETING DID NOT GET THE WORD. SINCE WE HAD ALREADY OBTAINED AGREEMENT TO CANCEL LEVY/REBATE, THE US DID NOT LOOK VERY SHARP IN RAISING THIS GATT ISSUE AT A LOW LEVEL OF SPANISH REP AT THE ROME MEETING.

2. I AM NOT SURPRISED THAT THE SPANISH DEL IN ROME

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(MARTINEZ LAVADO) WAS UNAWARE OF THE US NOTES ON THE

SUBJECT. HE IS AFTER ALL, A RELATIVELY LOW-LEVEL
FUNCTIONARY IN THE GOS ORGANIZATIONAL SCHEME OF THINGS.
HIS ASSOCIATION IS WITH SENPA, AN AUTONOMOUS GOS AGENCY
AND NOT A MINISTRY. THUS, BEING FAR REMOVED FROM POLICY
AND DECISION MAKING, HE WOULD BE INCAPABLE OF KNOWING OF
THE NOTES THAT THIS EMBASSY HAS SENT NOR OF HIS OWN
GOVERNMENT'S EVOLVING POSITION.

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT INFORMING ME IN
ADVANCE OF INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL
MEETINGS THAT WOULD IMPINGE ON OUR RELATIONS WITH THE
GOS AND ESPECIALLY IN MATTERS IN WHICH I HAVE BEEN
INTIMATELY INVOLVED SUCH AS THE SOYBEAN CASE.
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